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Security Council

10:00 — 7646th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 12

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

   United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

11:00 — 7647th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council mission

   Briefing by Security Council mission to West Africa (3 to 9 March 2016)

15:00 — 7648th meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

   United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

16:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

1701 report (S/2016/189)

Other matters

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General Assembly

Seventieth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 146 (Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (A/70/698 and A/70/772))

Agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Fifth progress report on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (A/70/668 and A/70/770*))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

09:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Executive meeting
2. African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Tenth session

Liberia configuration

10:00 to 13:00 Informal meeting Conference Room 7

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

10:00 to 12:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

His Excellency Román Oyarzun Marchesi (Spain) will hold an open briefing to interested Member States about the mandate and activities of the Committee.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

10:00 to 13:00	7th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4
	Ministerial segment	
	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/CN.6/2016/2 and E/CN.6/2016/5) [item 3]	
10:00 to 12:00	Interactive dialogue with ministers on the theme "Building alliances for gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development"	
12:00 to 13:00	Continuation of the general discussion	
15:00 to 18:00	8th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4
	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]	
	(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2016/3 and E/CN.6/2016/4)	
	(i) Priority theme: women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development	
	Interactive expert panel discussion on "Key strategies for gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda"	

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

Committee for Development Policy
Eighteenth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 16 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

10:00 to 11:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room F

Other meetings

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Panel discussion on "Expanding Productive Capacity for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the Committee for Development Policy, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

13:15 to 14:45 [webcast] Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Namsuk Kim, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kimnamsuk@un.org); or *click here*.

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

OIC Group (briefing on women's issues)

16:30 to 17:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:00 Press conference on "Empowering indigenous women" [*Speakers*: Ms. Ashlee Donohue (Australia); Ms. Valerie Kasaiyian (Kenya); and Ms. Tarcila Rivera Zea (Peru)]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest:* Ms. Sigrid Kaag, United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon (UNSCOL)]

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Thursday, 17 March 2016

16:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the report of the Secretary-General outlining milestones and way forward towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 March 2016 and 3 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Friday, 18 March 2016

11:00 General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to consider agenda item 70 (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Friday, 18 March 2016

15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting to address the large movements of refugees and migrants on 19 September 2016. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem

Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be

conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here.* Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 4th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)).

Second Committee

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

11:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal meeting convened by the co-facilitators (Australia and Rwanda) of the discussion on the organization of the agenda of the Second Committee

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Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

Thursday, 17 March 2016

10:00 29th meeting Conference Room 3

Morning (following the 29th meeting)	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament

Informal consultations

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 to 11:30	Closed meeting With the Group of African States	Conference Room E
11:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting With the Group of Asia-Pacific States	Conference Room E
15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting With the Group of Eastern European States	Conference Room E
16:30 to 18:00	Closed meeting With the Group of Western European and other States	Conference Room E

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Conference Room 2

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the seventeenth meeting.

The advance unedited reporting material on the topic of focus *is available* on the website of the Division (*click here*).

Twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Tuesday, 22 and Wednesday, 23 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/75 of 8 December 2015, the twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held.

Pursuant to paragraph 49 of the resolution, States, and entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/109 of 9 December 2014 and 70/75. Further information on the matter can be found on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs by *clicking here*. Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the informal consultations to the Division by *Thursday, 17 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
First session
(28 March-8 April)

Monday, 28 March 2016

10:00 Conference Room 1

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.1 and A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.2. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Preparatory Committee to the Division by *Thursday, 24 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, OLA (e-mail salpin@un.org).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The

secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 Security Council Chamber

Open debate on "Prevention and resolution of conflicts in the Great Lakes region" in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406), starting *today*, 16 March 2016.

Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or email, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Security Council (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call at 1 (212) 963-5258.

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited by *clicking here*.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Thursday, 17 March 2016

10:00 Conference Room E

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and Management Meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Organizational meeting

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 11:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Kindly confirm your participation by replying to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

11:00 to 13:00 1st meeting Conference Room 9

Kindly confirm your participation by replying to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016

10:00 1st meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies,

funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

A special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day. The theme of the event is "Forests and Water Sustain Life and Livelihoods".

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a panel discussion on forests, water and economic development and a general discussion on the theme "Forest and water are essential for the 2030 Agenda".

The list of speakers for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, on Friday, 18 March 2016*. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *three minutes*. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-5069; e-mail sen@un.org with copy to forests@un.org) or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by Permanent Missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Decade for Action on Nutrition" (under agenda item 15) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Thursday, 17 March 2016

09:00 to 11:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room F

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Thursday, 17 March 2016

10:00 to 11:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Friday, 18 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 12

Forthcoming other meetings

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Round table on the Second Anniversary of the adoption of the General Assembly resolution entitled "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" (A/RES/68/262) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Thursday, 17 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Volodymyr Mialkovskyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail mialkovskyi@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).

Briefing series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of the General Assembly (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Friday, 18 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Nowruz (21 March) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, India, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

Monday, 21 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Mohammad Hassaninejad Pirkouhi, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (e-mail iran@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 687-2020).

Event on "Planning, designing and building websites for permanent missions" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefing on "Demographic Dividend" (with the Executive Board members) (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5D (UNFPA, 605 Third Avenue)

All Executive Board member delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (A/RES/62/122 (25 March)) on the theme "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots":

Panel discussion on "The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Constructing New Amistad, Bunce Island, Gullah, Maroon and Nova Scotia Bridges" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, the Sierra Leone Monuments and Relics Commission and the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Iris Max-Macarthy, Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone (e-mail sierraleoneun.pr@gmail.com; or Mr. Franklyn Fawundu (e-mail franklynfawundu@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 688-1656, ext. 14).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1.

For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Opening for signature
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Friday, 15 April 2016* (Note verbale ODA/01-2016/FP dated 4 January 2016). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here*.

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here);* or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such

credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents (Spanish and English)

General Assembly documentation (Spanish)

Treaty research

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

In addition, the library will conduct lunch hour information sessions during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 to 24 March 2016), in the Library (Room L-133). All permanent representatives, United Nations entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*.

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 14 March 2016

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

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2nd meeting — *Election of officers* [item 1]

The Commission elected, by acclamation, Mr. Jun Sato (Japan) and Mr. Andreas Glossner (Germany) as Vice-Chairs of the sixtieth session.

Election of the Rapporteur

The Commission was informed that the Vice-Chair, Ms. Šejla Đurbuzović (Bosnia and Herzegovina), would also serve as Rapporteur for the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions.

Appointment of the remaining members of the Working Group on Communications on the Statues of Women

The Chair reminded the Commission that, at its first meeting, it had appointed China as member of the Working Group on Communications for the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions (2016 and 2017) of the Commission and postponed the election of the other four members of the Working Group.

Subsequently, the Commission appointed Belarus, Belgium, Liberia and Uruguay as members of the Working Group on Communications for its sixtieth session (2016).

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Commission adopted its provisional agenda (E/CN.6/2016/1), and approved its organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1), on the understanding that further adjustments would be made, if necessary, during the course of the session.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission began its consideration of agenda item 3.

Following the opening statement by the Chair, statements were also made by the President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly; the Secretary-General of the United Nations; the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Switzerland).

The Under-Secretary-General for the Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Executive Director of UN-Women introduced the reports of the Secretary-General.

The Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences made introductory statements.

General discussion

The Commission began its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States) and Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

Statements were also made by the observers for Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Netherlands (on behalf of the member States of the European Union), Viet Nam (on behalf of the member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Honduras (also on behalf of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, and the Dominican Republic (Central American Integration System)), Slovenia (also on behalf of Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, Norway, Panama, Switzerland, South Africa and Thailand (Human Security Network)), Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States), Gambia, Nepal, Kazakhstan and Denmark.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

3rd meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/CN.6/2016/2 and E/CN.6/2016/5) [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2016/3 and E/CN.6/2016/4)

(i) Priority theme: women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development

Parallel ministerial round tables on the priority theme "Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development"

Round table A: Enhancing national institutional arrangements for gender equality and women's empowerment

His Excellency Yoji Muto, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, chaired the meeting and made an opening statement.

Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy for Gender Equality of the African Development Bank, served as the Moderator.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Ghana and the Dominican Republic participated.

The observers of Sweden, India, Mexico, Poland, Gambia, Hungary, Jordan, Peru, the Czech Republic, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Argentina, Nepal, Estonia, Denmark, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Côte d'Ivoire, Angola, Cambodia, Zambia, Georgia and Costa Rica also participated.

The observer for the Observer State of Palestine also participated in the dialogue.

Round table B: Strengthening normative, legal and policy frameworks for gender equality and women's empowerment

Her Excellency Tatau Godinho, Secretary of Policies for Women's work and Economic Autonomy of Brazil, chaired the meeting and made an opening statement.

Dr. David Nabarro, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change, served as the Moderator.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of Japan, Niger, Belgium, Ecuador, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Pakistan, Egypt, Colombia, and Spain participated.

The observers of Mozambique, Nigeria, Austria, Luxembourg, Chile, France, Norway, Honduras, Lithuania, Slovenia, Portugal, Greece, Burundi, Samoa and Turkey also participated.

The observer for the European Union also participated in the dialogue.

A statement was made by the Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director of UN-Women.

Round table C: Financing for gender equality and women's empowerment in the 2030 Agenda

Her Excellency Maya Morsy, President of the National Council of Women of Egypt, chaired the panel discussion and made a statement.

Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Conference, served as the Moderator.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of Indonesia, Burkina Faso, Belarus, Paraguay, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi and Sudan participated.

The observers for Canada, Italy, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, the Philippines, Guinea, South Africa, South Sudan, Tunisia, Botswana, Namibia Mali, Iraq and Zimbabwe also participated.

The Chair made a statement.

Round table D: Fostering gender-responsive data design, collection and analysis, and building the knowledge base

Her Excellency Elke Ferner, Parliamentary State Secretary for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany, chaired the panel discussion and made an opening statement.

Ms. Lisa Grace Bersales, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of Statistics Authority of the Philippines, served as the Moderator.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of China, Cuba, the Congo, Switzerland, Uruguay, Uganda, Finland and Egypt participated.

The observers for South Sudan, Mauritania, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, Eritrea, Canada and Senegal also participated.

A statement was made by the Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director of UN-Women.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

Tuesday, 15 March 2016

Security Council

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7644th meeting

The situation in Libya

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (S/2016/182)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Libya to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2016/238, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2016/238) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2016/238) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2273 (2016).

7645th meeting *The situation in Afghanistan*

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2016/218)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Italy, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Sweden and Turkey to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Nicholas Haysom, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency João Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Haysom.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2016/241, submitted by Spain.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2016/241) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2016/241) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2274 (2016).

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, the United States, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Malaysia, Senegal, Japan, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, New Zealand, Uruguay, China and France; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Angola.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Italy, India, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sweden and Australia.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency João Vale de Almeida (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine and Georgia, aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Germany, Turkey and the Netherlands.

Economic and Social Council

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4th meeting (parallel) *Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"* [item 3]

The Commission continued its consideration of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, Cuba, Paraguay and Belgium.

Statements were also made by the observers of Botswana (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Canada, Morocco, Angola, Slovenia, Luxembourg, Peru, Poland, Kuwait, Iceland, Austria, Mozambique, South Africa, Bahrain, Côte d'Ivoire, Norway, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Costa Rica, Madagascar, Mali, Latvia, Sweden and Nigeria.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

4th meeting (parallel)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:

(ii) Review theme: the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls

The Vice-Chair (Germany) made opening remarks.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UN-Women made an introductory statement to present the findings from the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-seventh session.

National voluntary presentations by Brazil, China and Turkey

Presentations were made by Her Excellency Tatau Godinho, Secretary of Policies for Women's work and Economic Autonomy of Brazil; Ms. Maya Fetz, Civil Society Representative of Brazil; Ms. Meng Xiaosi, Vice-Chair of the National Working Committee on Children and Women of China; Ms. Lan Qing, Deputy Director General of the Legal Department, All China Women's Federation, China; Her Excellency Sema Ramazanoğlu, Minister of Family and Social Policies of Turkey; and Ms. Gülser Ustaoğlu, Director General, General Directorate on Status of Women, Ministry of Family and Social Policies of Turkey.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of the United States, India, Switzerland, Indonesia and Belgium participated.

The observers for Nepal and the Philippines also participated.

National voluntary presentations by Egypt, Japan and Estonia

Presentations were made by Dr. Maya Morsy, President of the National Council of Women of Egypt; His Excellency Yoji Muto, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; Ms. Hiroko Hashimoto, Professor Emeritus of Gender Studies and Principal, Jumonji University of Japan; His Excellency Margus Tsahkna, Minister of Social Protection of Estonia; and Ms. Katri Eespere, Head of the Division of Social Ministry of Estonia.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of Spain and Egypt, participated.

The observer for the Philippines also participated.

The representative of Association Nigérienne des Scouts de l'Environment (ANSEN), a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also participated in the dialogue.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Germany) made a statement.

5th meeting (parallel) *Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"* [item 3]

The Commission continued its consideration of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Malawi, India, Liberia, Ghana, the Dominican Republic, Mongolia, El Salvador, Kenya, Liechtenstein, China and Uganda.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Philippines, Tunisia, Trinidad and Tobago, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Guinea, Honduras, the United Kingdom, Viet Nam, Estonia, the United Arab Emirates, France, Jordan, Afghanistan, Suriname, Zambia, Mauritius, the Republic of Moldova, Sri Lanka, Mauritania and South Sudan.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement

5th meeting (parallel) *Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"* [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:

(ii) Review theme: the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls

The Vice-Chair (Egypt) made opening remarks.

National voluntary presentations by Costa Rica and Romania

Presentations were made by Her Excellency Alejandra Mora Mora, Minister of Women's Conditions of Costa Rica; Ms. Ioana Liana Cazacu, Head of the National Agency for Gender Equality of Romania; and Mr. Adrian Chesnoiu, National Coordinator of activities related to domestic violence in Romania.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of Colombia, Pakistan, Uganda, the Dominican Republic, Bangladesh and Egypt, participated.

The observers for Senegal and the Gambia also participated in the dialogue.

National voluntary presentations by Sweden and Tunisia

Presentations were made by Her Excellency Åsa Regnér, Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality of Sweden; Mr. Marius Råkil, Specialist in clinical psychology and Director of Alternative to Violence (ATV); Ms. Olga Persson, Secretary-General of the Swedish Association of Women's Shelters and Young Women's Empowerment Centres (UNIZON); Her Excellency Samira Merai Friâa, Minister for Women, Family and Children of Tunisia; Ms. Dalenda Larguèche, Director General of the Center for Research, Studies, Documentation and Information on Women

(CREDIF), Tunisia; and Ms. Ahlem Amri, Head of Division Orientation, Ministry of Women, Family and Childhood of Tunisia.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representative of Ecuador participated, as well as the observer for the United Kingdom.

The representative of the International Association of Women in Radio and Television, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also participated in the dialogue.

Interventions on lessons learned

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Finland and the Republic of Korea.

Statements were also made by the observers for Morocco, Georgia, Argentina, Eritrea, Slovakia, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Egypt) made a statement.

6th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission continued its consideration of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Pakistan, Egypt, Switzerland, the Russian Federation, the Congo and Spain.

Statements were also made by the observers of Botswana, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Mexico, Argentina, Turkmenistan, Hungary, Bahamas, Chile, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, Portugal, Tonga and Solomon Islands.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Japan) made a statement.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications delegations requesting issuance of communications* as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014 the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription for a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*.

Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

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Unscheduled meetings

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